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1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED A COPY OF LETTER FROM ROBERT
POUJADE, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TO THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

2. EMBASSY UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:"DEAR MR. SECRETARY:
I AM SURE YOU KNOW THAT A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO YOUR PRESIDENT AND THE
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC DECIDED TO LAUNCH BORAD PROGRAM OF
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, COVERING A LARGE
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS.

AMONG THESE, THE PROBLEM OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT HAS, AS YOU
KNOW, FOUND A FERTILE GROUND FOR RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION IN THE
NEW CITY OF LE VAUDREUIL LOCATED BETWEEN ROUEN AND PARIS IN THE
LOWER SEINE REGION. EXPERTS FROM SEVERAL AMERICAN AGENCIES, UNDER
THE DIRECTION OF YOUR DEPARTMENT, HAVE ALREADY MADE THIS PROJECT THE
BENEFICIARY OF IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS; YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT PARIS,
MR BRACE, HAS BEEN THE LIAISON BETWEEN OUR TWO AGENCIES AND HAS
PRVIDED GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THIS PROGRAM. INITIAL STUDIES AND
BASIC RESEARCH ARE NOW COMPLETED, A NEW ORGANIZATION FOR MANAGING
THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONSTITUTED, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY HAS
BEGUN.

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THE PROGRAM HAS NOW ATTAINED A STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND EFFICIENCY ADVANCED ENOUGH TO PERMIT ME, IN ACCORD WITH MY COLLEAGUE, MR. OLIVIER GUICHARD, MINISTER OF REGIONAL PLANNING, EQUIPMENT AND HOUSING, TO PROPOSE A THIRD PLENARY MEETING BETWEEN FRENCH AND AMERICAN EXPERTS IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM, REVIEW THE FIRST RESULTS OBTAINED, AND SPECIFY MEANS OF CONTINUATING THE PROGRAM.

THE FORMULATION OF THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROGRAM WILL ENABLE US TO DRAW FROM THIS ORIGINAL EXPERIMENT IN COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED RESEARCH IN URBAN ENVIRONMENT, LESSONS AS USEFUL FOR THE AMERICAN SIDE AS FOR THE FRENCH.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF, IN PRINCIPLE, SUCH A MEETING WOULD HAVE YOUR ASSENT SO THAT IT MIGHT BE HELD IN THE COMING MONTHS." COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.IRWIN

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